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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 7, 2007 has been carefully considered together with each of the references cited therein. The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present Application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the claims to attend to housekeeping matters and to more clearly describe the invention. In claim 1, Applicant has recited the three structural units of the terpolymer in B) as containing from 3 to 18 mol% of structural units derived from an ester of a carboxylic acid having from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, from 0.5 to 10 mol-% of structural units derived from a vinyl ester of a neocarboxic acid selected from the group consisting of neononanoic acid, neodecanoic acid, neoundecanoic acid, neododecanoic acid, and mixtures thereof, and structural units of ethylene to 100 mol%. Support for this amendment may be found in Applicant's Specification on page 9 at lines 11-17, page 4, lines 27/28 and in originally filed claims 1 and 7. It is believed that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Claims 1, 6, 9, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for the claimed subject matter not being described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed was in possession of the invention. As amended, claim 1 now has a complete recitation of the terpolymer and there is support for such a terpolymer in Applicant's Specification. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, as amended, under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for the claimed subject matter not being described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed was in possession of the invention should be removed in light of the above amendment. The rejection of claims 6, 9, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement for the

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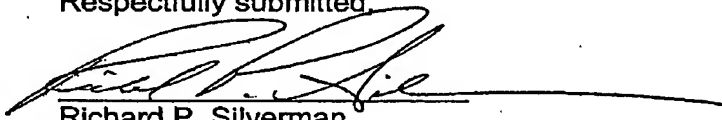
claimed subject matter not being described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor, at the time the application was filed was in possession of the invention should be withdrawn for the reasons given in support of amended claim 1, from which they depend.

Claims 1, 6, 9, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention for the reason that it was not clear that the acids recited were vinyl ester of those acids, and for the reason that other components of the terpolymer were not recited. The rejection of claim 1, as amended, and claims 6, 9, and 11 which depend from amended claim 1, under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention should be withdrawn in light of the above amendment.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and an allowance of all pending claims are courteously solicited.

An early and favorable action is courteously solicited.

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